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REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application and request reconsideration of the subject application based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-41 are pending in the subject application. Claims 18-22 and 28-31 are withdrawn from consideration as the result of an Examiner's earlier restriction requirement. Claims 1-17 and 23-27 are acknowledged as being allowable by the Examiner. In view of the Examiner's earlier restriction requirement, Applicants reserve the right to present the above-identified withdrawn claims in a divisional application.

Claims 32-41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 and/ or 35 U.S.C. §103.

The withdrawn claims, namely claims 18-22 and 28-32, were canceled in the foregoing amendment without prejudice or disclaimer.

All of the rejected claims, namely claims 32-41, were canceled in the foregoing amendment without prejudice or disclaimer.

In view of the cancellation of all of the rejected claims, Applicants have not addressed the claim rejection further herein.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in a condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

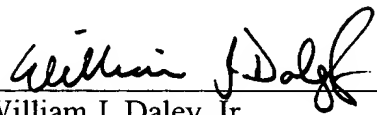
Applicants believe that additional fees are not required for consideration of the within Response. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed

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for any excess fee paid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit
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